

EYE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



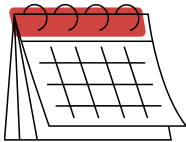
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THIS WEEK AT EYE C OF E PRIMARY...

We hope that you all had a great half term break. We've returned to school for the second half of the spring term with spirits boosted by the wonderful sunshine we've had for some of this week. Learning has resumed and children are already showing excellent focus and determination to achieve their goals, this half term. We've been talking lots about excellence in school this week and really encouraging the children to show excellence in their learning. The children have risen to this challenge and produced some extremely high quality pieces of work, picking out the golden moments in their learning and feeling rightfully proud. We're excited for the half term ahead.



DATES



March

- 5th - World Book Day
- 9th - 12th - Bikeability Level 1 and 2
- 10th and 11th - APDR Meetings
- WB 16th - TLC Week
- 24th - Easter Church Services
- 25th - Year 6 SATS parents information evening
- 26th - Rocksteady Concerts to Parents
- 27th - Children's last day of term

April

- 13th - Inset Day
- 14th - Children back to school for Summer Term

May

- 4th - May Bank Holiday
- WB 11th - SATS Week
- 19th - Pentecost Church Services
- 20th - Year 6 Careers Fair
- 25th - 29th - Half Term Week

June

- 25th - Sports Day (Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6- am, Yrs R, 1, 2- pm)

July

- 2nd - Reserve Sports Day
- 8th - 10th - PGL (Year 6)
- 16th - Rocksteady Concert to Parents



Please remember that we are a nut-free school with pupils who have severe nut allergies. Please make sure that packed lunches and snacks do not contain any nuts or nut products. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us to keep every child safe.

ATTENDANCE

WB- 09/02/26- 13/02/26
Whole School Attendance is:

96.6%

Badgers	94.8%
Squirrels	95.3%
Chimps	97%
Hedgehogs	99.4%
Dolphins	96.8%
Foxes	98.7%
Giraffes	95.9%
Jaguars	91.4%
Koalas	96.3%
Meerkats	99.4%
Sharks	98.3%
Tigers	96.3%
Wombats	97.2%
Zebras	95.7%



LET'S CELEBRATE!

GROWTH AWARD



It was great to join to gather again for our first GROW celebration collective worship of this half term. We celebrated the wonderful things that have been happening in EYFS and Key Stage 1. There was lots of acknowledgement of wonderful writers and the word 'perseverance' ran through many of the awards.

A big well done to Hannah, Grace, Charlie, Sophia, Delilah and Keyarah-Rose.



GROWING BEYOND SCHOOL

We always love to hear about the ways in which our pupils are growing beyond school. Please keep sending in your news via email to our office email address: admin@eye.peterborough.sch.uk



Well done to Tayah, who got player of the match last weekend. Great work, Tayah! Keep it up!

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Our excellent runners recently took part in some cross country competitions.

Year 3 and 4 boys and girls both came 2nd place which gave Eye Primary 2nd place overall. A big well done to Millie, who came in 1st in the girls race against 74 other girls.



Years 5 and 6 saw our boys and girls both coming in 1st place which gave Eye Primary the overall win for the 3rd year in a row. Congratulations to Kaylen, who came was the 1st over the finish line in the boys race.



Freya took part in a gymnastics competition at the weekend and came away with three medals for bars, vault and floor routines. What great achievements! Well done Freya!




BEYOND THE CLASSROOM


PRESCHOOL NEWS


This week at preschool, we've been having lots of fun exploring the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. We've been creating our very own beanstalks using all sorts of exciting materials, including Duplo, craft resources and even natural materials we found. The children loved getting creative and thinking about how tall and twisty their beanstalks could grow! To build on our maths skills, we used runner beans to practise matching numerals to quantities and even used them for weighing activities. It was a fantastic hands-on way to explore numbers while linking back to our story. The children also designed and built their own magnificent castles using wooden blocks and Duplo, thinking carefully about how to make them strong and tall, just like the giant's castle! We've enjoyed retelling the story in lots of different ways, helping to build confidence, language skills and storytelling abilities. Out in the garden, the adventure continued! The children practised their climbing skills on the soft play equipment, pretending they were climbing high up the beanstalk themselves. There were lots of giggles and wonderful imaginative play!



REMINDERS

 TLCs and APDRs- Please make sure that you have booked your TLC or APDR meeting appointments on the MCAS app. If you cannot attend these dates, please speak to your child's class teacher.

 World Book Day - we are celebrating on Thursday 5th March by wearing pyjamas or comfy clothes. If a costume is what's comfy for your child, that's fine too!

 Uniform Swap Shop - Please remember that we have lots of uniform available for you to access in our preschool building. There are lots of items if your child is in need of a bigger size or a freshen up! If you have clean, good quality items to donate to the swap shop, please give them to the school office.

WRAPAROUND UPDATES

In Wraparound this week, we've been making the most of the beautiful sunshine! The children have loved playing ball games on the playground and were very excited to venture back onto the field for some energetic outdoor fun. We've also been getting creative indoors, making lovely spring pictures using lots of gluing, sticking and a variety of different materials. The children really enjoyed exploring their artistic side and experimenting with textures and colours. A big shout out to Miss Short for working with the children to create a wonderful new wall display! It beautifully showcases their amazing artistic skills and has made the space look so bright, colourful and welcoming. We're very proud of their hard work!

HOLIDAY CLUB

In Holiday Club last week, the children have been busy getting creative and staying active! The children really enjoyed crafting with wooden art pieces, carefully painting little wooden discs and showing off their fantastic creativity. We also had lots of fun designing with loom bands and creating colourful patterns with Hama beads, there were some very impressive designs! As always, swimming has been a firm favourite, with the children enjoying their daily sessions in the pool. Alongside this, we've been playing lots of exciting group games in the hall. These games have been brilliant for encouraging teamwork, careful listening and attentive skills and we've loved seeing the children step up to show wonderful leadership too.

WHATS APP AND ONLINE SAFETY



We wanted to remind all parents and carers that WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 13 years old. We are increasingly aware of issues involving children messaging on WhatsApp outside of school and these concerns are being shared with us.

If you are allowing your child to access and use WhatsApp, please be aware of the risks involved, particularly the pressures that arise from being part of group chats.

Children younger than 13 are not emotionally mature enough to deal with the complexities and risks that come with these kinds of online interactions. We would encourage you to consider carefully whether it is appropriate for your child to have access to apps such as WhatsApp. We also encourage you to have regular conversations with your child about their online activity, set clear boundaries about when and how they can use messaging apps and monitor their online interactions.



NOTICES

Preschool Spaces Available



Our Early Years Provision is Ofsted OUTSTANDING!

"Children in the early years establish strong foundations for learning" Ofsted 2025

Spaces available!

Come and explore our setting, meet the team, and find out what makes our preschool special.

Eye C of E Preschool (next to Eye C of E Primary School)
For more information,
email: preschool@eye.peterborough.sch.uk
or telephone: 01733 222314

No need to book, just turn up!

Triple P discussion groups

Join us for a series of Triple P discussion groups, where we will tackle tricky parenting situations and develop positive parenting strategies.

1. Hassle Free Shopping with Children
Thursday 26 February

2. Dealing with Disobedience
Thursday 5 March

3. Hassle Free Mealtimes with Children
Thursday 12 March

4. Managing Fighting and Aggression
Thursday 19 March

Free to attend. No need to book, just turn up!

All sessions run from 9.30am to 11am at Family Action the Hampton Children's Centre, Hargate Way, Hampton Hargate, Peterborough PE7 8BZ.

26 THU FEB
5 THU MAR
12 THU MAR
19 THU MAR

9.30-11am
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Peterborough Family Hubs
BEST START IN LIFE

God's Masterpiece

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Scan the QR Code to register!

For ages 8-14

Join us for our second Deanery Youth event! A morning to explore how we walk with Jesus & become His masterpiece

SATURDAY, 14TH MARCH 2026 | 9.30AM - 12.30PM

St Matthew's Church, Eye, Peterborough, PE6 7UU

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

- Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them
- Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year
- Will have better general knowledge
- Will improve their critical thinking skills
- Will improve their communication skills
- Will have a broad vocabulary
- Will have reduced stress levels
- Will learn how to develop empathy
- Will improve their test results

100%

Silly School Education

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



See full reference list on our website

